

DOXOLOGY

The Lover You Need

A Service of Music and Word

THE NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHOIRS AND
CONGREGATION

June 12, 2016, 10:45 am
Washington, DC

Worship is not merely something we *attend*, but something we *do* together. We are less concerned with whether we are being entertained, and more interested in being edified – a biblical term conveying a sense of being “built up” or “strengthened.”

At the root of this is *doxology*, words of glory offered to God, and lives that bring glory to the holy and righteous, but merciful, gracious, and steadfastly loving God that God is. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah and the New Testament book of Revelation both offer striking glimpses of God in glory, and how the brilliance of that glory penetrates the depth and illuminates the breadth of human need.

When we sing the great hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,” we are acknowledging as much our plight apart from God as we are acknowledging God’s total and unique moral majesty. Holiness is what makes God, God. It shows us in relative but exquisite relief who we are and what we need. That need is not partial, but total.

Whatever else we might say of Christian worship, what we must repeat again and again is the prophet Jeremiah’s assertion that God wants to be found:

*When you seek me, you will find me,
if you search with all your heart.
I will let you find me, says the Lord.*

JEREMIAH 29:13-14

God says, “I love you.” As in any other relationship, the only satisfying response is, “I love you, too.” In Christian worship this tremendous and tender exchange is available as nowhere else.

Dr. Michael Denham
Director of Music Ministries

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PRELUDE

String Quartet Op. 10 No. 1 in G Major, K. 387

W.A. Mozart

I. Adagio

III. Menuetto

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89:1-2

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

One I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O Lord.

***All* With my mouth I will proclaim your steadfast love to all generations.**

One I declare that your steadfast love is established forever.

***All* Your faithfulness, O Lord, is as firm as the heavens.**

One Let us lift up our hearts and voices, and together worship the Lord our God.

▲ HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven and earth reflect thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.

God our Father, Christ our Savior, all who live in love are thine;

Teach us how to love each other; lift us to thy joy divine.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn to Joy

Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals join with every part

For the joy now set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart!

Ever singing stride we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden,

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that we may more deeply love you, and more worthily magnify your holy name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Softly and Tenderly

René Clausen

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home.

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!

Ann Frohbieter

Blow ye the trumpet, blow! The gladly solemn sound, let all the nations know, to earth's remotest bound.

Lenox

The year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

Jesus, our great high priest, hath full atonement made. Forgiven of the past, ye righteous souls be glad.

The year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

The Gospel trumpet hear, the news of heavenly grace; and saved from earth appear before your Savior's face.

The year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

BELL RESPONSE

Meditation on *Beautiful Savior*

Cathy Moklebust

Silesian Hymn

LOVED AND GUIDED

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

▲ HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.

In pastures green he makes me feed, beside the living stream.

He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways;

And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;

One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;

O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

LOVED AND CHOSEN

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

Dr. Fox

God spoke through Moses to the people and said:

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God;

the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the earth
to be his people, his treasured possession.

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people

that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you – for you were the fewest of all peoples.

It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors,

that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

ANTHEM

Go Down, Moses

Gary Davison
Spiritual

Go down, Moses!

When Israel was in Egypt's land (let my people go),
oppressed so hard they could not stand (let my people go),

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said, "Let my people go.

If not I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my people go."

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

No more in bondage shall they toil (let my people go);

let them come out with Egypt's spoil (let my people go).

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

with Adam Strube, bass

LOVED AND CALLED TO LOVE

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-16

Rev. Taylor

One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

All: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love God does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us

and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God has loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

MEDITATION

Dr. Renwick

▲ HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

LOVED AND SAFE

SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION

Romans 8:31-39

Dr. Renwick

What are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring a charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
 It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,
 who indeed intercedes for us.
 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
 Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long;
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
 nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus or Lord.

SOLO

If God Be for Us

G. F. Handel

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Messiah

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth: Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ who died, yea, rather that is risen again,

who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Sheri Jackson, soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Donna Marsh

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Christ Victorious, Christ Now Reigning

Stephen Caracciolo

Christ victorious, Christ now reigning; Christ our Lord and king commands.

Christus vincit

Shouts of triumph, praise unceasing, "Holy, holy to the Lamb."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ by heav'n and earth adored; Alleluia! Alleluia! Righteous king and mighty Lord.

Christ the image, Christ the dawning, Christ the first of God's commands.

All things through him, all things for him, stars and all of heav'n's expanse.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Light and source and Holy One. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ who was and is to come.

Christ the victim, Christ the healing; love anoints his hands and feet.

Christ the dying, Christ the rising, God's own sacrifice complete.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hail the chosen one of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Great redeemer, saving Lord.

Christ almighty, claim your kingdom, call a people for your own.

Come with beauty, pow'r and blessing, gather all your children home.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the banquet, Christ the song. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the glory, Christ alone.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Marsh

▲ HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

God's Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

BENEDICTION *congregation please be seated*

Dr. Renwick

CHORAL RESPONSE God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Peter Anglea

God be with you till we meet again.
By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ BRASS POSTLUDE

RECEPTION

Please join us in the Court of Flags for a reception for our 50 year members.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Jan Childress in appreciation for the inspired and dedicated service of all who participate in NPC's Music Ministries programs.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in appreciation and thanks to Dr. David Renwick, the Elders, the Deacons, the staff, and the National Presbyterian Church congregation from the National Presbyterian School Class of 2016 on the occasion of their graduation that was held on June 10, 2016.

Pick up a bud vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

Chapel prayers after worship: If you have a joy or concern on your heart, come to the chapel down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be there to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

PROGRAM NOTES

Mozart completed his first string quartet at age fourteen, during travels with his father in Italy. Leopold was keen to steep his son in Italian musical style and to introduce the teenager to influential composers and patrons while his youth (according to *Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians*) could "still arouse wonder." Some eleven years or so later Wolfgang dedicated six more mature quartets (Op. 10), to Franz Josef Haydn, who told Leopold, "Before God, and as an honest man, I tell you that your son is the greatest composer known to me in person or by name." This morning's prelude excerpts two movements of Mozart's Quartet, Op. 10 No. 1, K. 387.

Words of our opening hymn of praise were written by Henry Van Dyke, one-time pastor of New York City's Brick Presbyterian Church, to be sung to Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*. Van Dyke wrote *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* while preaching at Williams College in the Berkshires in Massachusetts. He presented it one morning at breakfast to President James Garfield. "Here is a hymn for you," he said, "Your mountains were my inspiration." This striking melody originally set Friedrich Schiller's verse, "An die Freude," in the fourth movement of Beethoven's monumental *Ninth Symphony*. The composer never heard it as he conducted it in his final public concert in 1824. He had already become completely deaf.

Softly and Tenderly is a sterling example of gospel hymns from the American revival tradition. Its tune name is *Thompson*, after its author, Will Thompson. It is reported that, shortly before his death, the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody said to Thompson, "Will, I would rather have written 'Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling' than anything I have been able to do in my whole life."

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow! first appeared in 1750 under the title “The Year of Jubilee,” based on Leviticus 25:9-10,

Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud, on the tenth day of the seventh month –
on the day of atonement – you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land.
And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the
land to all its inhabitants.

Charles Wesley’s text is included in virtually all American Methodist hymnals. Its tune *Lenox* forms the basis for Ann Frohbieter’s anthem setting dedicated to the late Lloyd Pfautsch, eminent and beloved composer and choral educator at Southern Methodist University.

Beautiful Savior is otherwise known as *Fairest Lord Jesus* (“Schönster Herr Jesu”) sung to a Silesian tune known as *Crusaders Hymn*. With roots among 17th century German Jesuits, the text was adapted and adopted in several German collections and hymnals. It was first translated into English in 1850. The “Beautiful Savior” verse is from one of its other English translations. Grace Chimes here plays an arrangement for handbells.

Isaac Watts was the father of English hymnody. He was fifteen when he wrote his first hymn, ushering in a new style, method, and era. *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* is his version of Psalm 23 published in a collection entitled *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, and Applied to the Christian State and Worship*. Watts’ collection was first published in the United States by Benjamin Franklin. *Resignation* is an American southern folk tune from the early 19th century.

The African-American spiritual *Go Down, Moses* hearkens to events in the Old Testament book of Exodus, when God told Moses to demand that Pharaoh release the Hebrews from their long slavery in Egypt. Many years later, in Deuteronomy, after years of wilderness wanderings, Moses called the Israelites to remember that this defining moment in their history happened because of God’s lovingkindness – his loyal, faithful, covenantal love for them based on the promises he had made in Genesis to Abraham and his descendants. This morning’s arrangement is by Gary Davison, organist and Choirmaster at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac, Maryland.

Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymn texts. He was the eighteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, a life-long Anglican priest and, with his brother John, one of the founders of Methodism. His *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* is here set to the stirring Welsh tune *Hyfrydol*.

G. F. Handel placed the soprano solo *If God Be for Us* near the very end of his oratorio *Messiah*, summing up the story of redemption unfolded throughout this theologically-rich work, and leading to the final chorus of praise, “Worthy Is the Lamb.”

Christ Victorious, Christ Now Reigning was written only a little over ten years ago by American composer and conductor Stephen Caracciolo. He named the hymn tune *Christus vincit*, and arranged it as a magisterial anthem for choir, brass, organ, and timpani. The text is a veritable compendium of theology pointing to some central aspects of Christ’s person and work. Most importantly for the sake of our worship this morning, its theology incites doxology: *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, is best known as “The Doxology.” It is a text by Thomas Ken, a 17th century Anglican preacher and poet. He included the words as the final verse of both “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun,” and “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night,” the morning and evening hymns in his *A Manual of Prayers for Use of the Scholars of Winchester College* (1695): The words are most often sung to *Old Hundredth* from the Genevan Psalter (1551), but this morning are sung to the joyful German tune *Lasst uns erfreuen*.

Reformation churches emphasized congregational singing in various forms such as the German *chorale* in Lutheran circles and *metrical psalms* among Calvinists. Our congregational singing today ends with one of the most recognized and beloved *chorale* melodies: *Ein’ feste Burg*, adapted around 1529 by Martin Luther for his text *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. This great hymn became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. Based on Psalm 46, there are over two hundred translations of Luther’s poem in use today. The 1852 version used here is by American Frederick Henry Hedge. The source of Luther’s melody is uncertain – perhaps an adaptation of a Gregorian chant, or perhaps even a popular tune.

Our final choral response is Peter Anglea’s *Benediction*, here titled *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*. Anglea is a young American composer. With lyrical and tender simplicity, this new setting of a treasured text of blessing and farewell powerfully and deeply touches us with secure hope of the resurrection, and assurance that we will one day be gathered together in our Savior’s embrace.

CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANO

Margery Benson
Anne Black
Mandy Brown
Jan Childress
Sarah Crumley
June Doezeema

Carolann Haley
Cheryl Hatch
Sheri Jackson *
Joanna Jones
Joanna Lam
Thelma Leenhouts

Karen Leete
Deborah MacKay
Yoonhee Mun
Sarah Roller
Janice Sessing
Martha-Rosalind Stainton

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Barbara Anger
Mary Ellen Cain *
Jenny Coneff
Anne Fuhrken
Carolyn Gasarch

Jace Han
Margaret Johnson
Joyce Martin
Mary Ellen McKenna
Gerri Hall Nickels

Gudrun Opper
Lydia Rice
Dorothy Seep
Carol Weihrer

TENOR

Ed Blanton
Richard Daniels

Michael Ford *
Tom Lauerma

David Nickels
David Prentiss

BASS

Walter Burns
James Evans *
David Gradin

John Lawlah
Burt Leete
John Neely

Adam Strube
J. Mills Williams

** section leaders*

GRACE CHIMES

Doug Abbott
Ben Ballard
Brenda Balta
Carlos Balta
Pat Burke
Melissa Chaump
Susan Julius
Mary Klappa
Melanie Lenhard
Angela Modany
Holly Novak
Susan Osann
Carolann Haley, Director

STRINGS

Jennifer Kim, violin
Ko Sugiyama, violin
Tiffany Richardson, viola
Danielle Cho, cello

BRASS

Kevin Gebo, trumpet
Matt Harding, trumpet
Christy Klenke, horn
Gus Mitchell, trombone,
Seth Cook, tuba

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TODAY

Celebrating 50 Year Members

10:45 a.m. worship, reception in the Court of Flags following the service

Today we honor those who have been members at National Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more. They have seen many changes, and have remained faithful to God's work in and through our church. Please join us in Court of Flags as we celebrate with gratitude and cake!

Became a member in 1966:

Nancy Thompson

Became members prior to 1966:

Noble McCartney
Josephine Marland
Anne Revis Grosvenor
Irene Stadick
Ilona Bako
Natalie Morrison
Charlene Sussel
Beverly Elson
Gwendolyn Carlberg
Bette Schintzel
Charlotte McComas

Sara Burgess
Richard Gorrell
Susan Meyer
Susan Wright
Mordena Millar
Parkash Samuel
Joan Whetstone
Irene Williams
Gena Stephens
Alice Trudgeon
Eugene Thompson

Louise Pinckernell
Mary McLean
Ann Bailey
Shirley Fowler
Nancy Dymont
Eleanor McKelvie
Roma Samuel
Margaret Johnson
Ronald Carlberg

Adult Sunday School Plenary

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Steve Crocco

America's Theologian: The Importance of Jonathan Edwards for the Church Today

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) is America's greatest theologian. Known largely as the preacher of "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," many dismissed him as cruel and bitter. But there is vastly more to this thinker and church leader, and Christians continue to read and discuss his writings. Dr. Crocco is Director of the Yale University Divinity Library.

Sandwich Making

Noon, Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make up to 400 sandwiches in 15 minutes! *Because of the increase in need during the summer months, we will be making sandwiches on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from June 26–August 28.*

General Assembly Briefing

12:20–12:45 p.m. Chapel

The PC(USA) General Assembly meets in Portland, Oregon June 19–25. Dr. David Renwick and Dr. Quinn Fox will give a pre-assembly briefing.

Children's Summer Sunday School

9:30 a.m., National Presbyterian School Building

Children meet in Sunday school to learn about Jesus through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and other activities. Please sign your kids in at their classroom at 9:30 and sign them out at 10:30.

- Preschool (age 3-5): School Room 104
- Elementary (rising 1st-5th grade): School Room 144

Youth Summer Sunday School

9:30 a.m., Multipurpose Room

Middle and high school students (rising 6–12th grade) meet together for Sunday School.

Youth Pool Party

4:30–6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of summer at our annual pool party! *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7520.*

Parent Gathering – New for Summer!

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Jones Hall (School Gym)

Parents, bring your child to Sunday School, then stay for a fellowship-based conversation among parents. We will reflect on family, work, choices, and priorities using the life of Joseph as our example. Children will discover their own route through Joseph's journey as well during their Sunday School classes.

Gatherings will take place weekly – drop in whenever you can!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Commissioning

Next Sunday, June 19

Pray for the members of our intergenerational mission team travelling to the Dominican Republic to serve by building a church, staffing a medical clinic, and helping special needs orphans.

Share Your Musical Gifts This Summer:

Sing in Summer Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Choir Room

Participate as often as your schedule permits! Just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service; no midweek rehearsals. *Contact: Michael Denham, MDenham@NationalPres.org.*

Join the Contemporary Worship Band

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Are you a drummer, guitarist, bass guitarist, singer, or keyboard player? We're looking for musicians to play on a rotating basis on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights. *Contact: Hilda Gore at HGore@NationalPres.org.*

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, June 20, Noon, Stone Hall

A special performance by the **Outreach Singers of the Washington Chorus** will conclude our program season until the fall. Enjoy lunch, music, and time together at this special program. Sign up today in Stone Hall. (*Pay at the door; \$12 with advanced registration; \$15 if not registered in advance.*)

Session Update

At its May meeting, Session:

- Received a report from the Facilities Master Planning Team (FMPT) and its consulting firm, Requity, on steps to be taken through the rest of the year;
- Authorized funding for the FMPT for professional assistance in support of NPC's master plan;
- Approved individuals to the Board of Trustees of National Presbyterian School; and
- Appointed seven members to the Session's new Executive Committee.

Adult Sunday School Plenaries

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Next Sunday: June 19, Bruce Douglass

Life After the Mainline: The Future of Protestantism

The denominations that once constituted the Protestant "establishment" in the U.S. no longer occupy that position. What might this mean for their future identity and mission? Dr. Douglass is Associate Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University, and director of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington.

June 26, John Fea – *The Bible Cause: How The American Bible Society Shaped Our Nation*

July 3, David Robinson – *Singing the Bible*

July 10, David Renwick – *Jesus' Friends and Enemies*

July 17, Rebecca Weaver – *A Religion of the Book: The Literary Character of Our Faith*

July 24, International Justice Mission – *The God of Justice*

July 31, Robert Wauzzinski – *A Kingdom Bank with a Mission*

August 7, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed– *Islam and the West: Promoting the Dialogue of Civilizations*

August 14, Nancy Fox– *Meeting Brothers and Sisters in Syria and Lebanon*

August 21, Os Guinness – *Fool's Talk*

August 28, John Turpin & McLane Stone – *Mission Trip Reports*

Duane Barney Leadership Award

Ginny Beeson has been recognized for her faithful dedication and leadership of the Deacons, and for her role in directing the implementation of our Strategic Plan. The Session has bestowed this recognition in memory of Elder Duane Barney, late husband of Virginia Barney.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

June 12 – 19

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Numbers 6:22-27
Acts 13:1-12
Luke 12:41-48

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Numbers 9:15-23, 10:29-36
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